is rather only an extension of courtesy that they should have been asked to quote prices.

The number of Hostels—Government and aided.

252. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention—

(a) the number of hostels, Government and aided, in the State;

(b) how many of them are 1. Boys' Hostels 2. Girls' Hostels and 3. Mixed Hostels for Boys and Girls;

(c) the institutions to which the aided hostels are attached;

(d) the names of aided hostels, the number of boarders in each of them in the first and last months of the academical year 1925—1926 and the monthly grant given to them;

(e) whether the grant is given according to the number of boarders; and if the answer is in the affirmative;

(f) what is the grant given per boarder;

(g) whether any distinction is made between boys and girls in giving grant;

(h) what is the grant given in the case of a boy and of a girl;

(i) the principle or rule adopted in giving grant, in case grant is not given according to the number of boarders?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) There are now 13 hostels in the State, of which 6 are managed by Government, and 7 are aided.

(b) Of the 13 hostels given in (a), 10 are for boys and 3 for girls

(c) and (d). A statement is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

(e) Now the grant is given according to the number of boarders.

(f) A grant of Rs. 1-4-0 per boarder per mensem is given to all the aided hostels except the Tiyya Girls' Hostel at Ernakulam and the Muslim Hostel at Kunnamkulam. In the case of the former the rate is Rs. 1-5-0 per boarder and in the latter Re. 1 per pupil of the Primary department.

(g) Subject to the exceptions given in (f), no distinction is made.

(h) Vide answer to part (f) supra.

(i) No reply is necessary in view of the answer to part (e).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the reason for giving this differential treatment to the boarders of the Tiyya Girls' Hostel, Ernakulam?

President.—There is some concession shown to them.

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Mr. C. Matthai.—Girls receive at the rate of Rs. 1-5-0 and boys Rs. 1-4-0.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why this differential treatment of one anna?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Because they are girls.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the difference between Tiyya girls and Muslim girls? Muslim girls are given one rupee.

Mr. C. Matthai.—Muslim girls are all small children, and so we give them one rupee.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—According to the hostel rules, the boarders—Tiyyas, Christians, etc.,—are handicapped, because they have to pay an entrance fee of Rs. 10 in the Kunnamkulam Sirkar High School Hostel. I think that is necessary only in the case of boarders who take food there. That should not be made applicable to those who join for lodging alone.

Mr. C. Matthai.—As I informed the House, the admission was sanctioned last week, so I have not gone into the conditions there. The matter has not been decided yet.

President.—Can you say whether any concession can be shown to those who do not go there for food but only for lodging?

Mr. C. Matthai.—I have simply sent the order that the boys may be admitted.

President.—Of course, you will do what is necessary.

The throwing open of the Kunnamkulam Hostel to all castes.

253. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether any communication has been sent by the Government, after the passing of the Proceedings of the Diwan dated 14th May 1926 directing to throw open the Sirkar Hostel at Kunnamkulam to all castes and creeds, to the Headmaster of the Sirkar High School or Warden of the Sirkar Hostel at Kunnamkulam asking him to give effect to the order of the Diwan; if no such order has been sent, to give the reason for not doing so; and if any such order has been sent whether the order will be placed on the table;

(b) if it has been enquired whether there are any non-caste Hindu or non-Hindu boys, seeking admission to the Sirkar Hostel at Kunnamkulam, and if the answer is in the negative, whether the Government will enquire and find out the number of boys who want admission this year, and whether orders will be issued for admitting them, and if the answer is in the negative, to give the reason for not issuing such orders;

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We must apologise for troubling you with such a lengthy letter, but we feel that it will convince you how much we value your indents and how anxious we are to retain them.

APPENDIX III.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 252.)

Particulars of the aided hostels in the State, showing their names, the institutions to which they are attached, the number of boarders in each of them during the first and last month of the academical year 1925-1926 and the monthly grant given to each of them.

Serial Number	Name of the hostels	Institutions to which they are attached	Strength of the hostel in the first and last months of the academical year 1925—1926	Grant given per mensem
1	Tiyya Girl's Hostel, Ernakulam	Maharaja's College, Ernakulam	25	Rs. 32-13-0 plus Rs. 27-8-0 towards half the rent of the Hostel building
2	Tiyya Boys' Hostel, Ernakulam	do	22	Rs. 27-8-0
3	Muslim Hostel, Ernakulam	do	12	Rs. 15-0-0
4	Young men's Christian Association Hostel, Kunnamkulam	Boys' High School, Kunnamkulam	8	Rs. 10-0-0
5	Young Women's Christian Association, Kunnamkulam	Girls' High School, Kunnamkulam	15	Rs. 15. Fixed grant
6	Muslim Boys' Hostel, Kunnamkulam	Boy's High School, Kunnamkulam	9 (4 Secondary and 5 Primary)	Rs. 10-0 0
7	Muslim Girls' Hostel, Kunnamkulam	Girls' High School, Kunnamkulam	8	Rs. 8

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